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Mr. Michael Morisy
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Dear Mr. Morisy,

We received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the essay titled "How All This Ends" on August 15, 2011 (Ref.: 768-720-12377)

You requested a fee waiver in your FOIA request. In order to qualify for a fee waiver, the DoD component command determines whether the FOIA request warrants a waiver or reduction of fees. The burden is on the requester to demonstrate that the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. You, the requester, must satisfy these statutory requirements before USCENCOM waives fees. Unfortunately, your request fails to address, in detail, the public interest requirement. Your request does not articulate how this information "significantly" contributes to the public understanding or meaningfully informs the public of government operations. Therefore, I cannot approve your request for a fee waiver.

We conducted a thorough and good faith search for responsive information in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Guide and Executive Order 13526. Despite our extensive and careful search for information pertaining to your request, we did not locate documentation responsive to your request.

We did not assess fees for your request. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, please write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301-1155. Please postmark your appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, cite to case number 11-0288, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on your letter of appeal.

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810, foiaoffice@centcom.mil, and refer to USCENCOM case #11-0288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Walker", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

DONALD S. WALKER
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Chief, Command Records Branch